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St. James's, February 7.

AN humble Address from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the ancient Corporation of Shrewsbury, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Richard Corbet, and Orlando Bridgeman, Esq; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Madrid, Jan. 14. N. S. His Catholick Majesty has commanded a Decree to be published, by which he charges all the Tribunals and Courts of Judicature to be very punctual in administering Justice with Integrity and Dispatch; and permits his Subjects, in case they suffer any Grievance by unfair Proceedings of any Judges, to have Recourse to him by the Means of the Duke of Ripperda his Secretary of State. Don Lucas Spinola, the Duke of San Pedro's Son and Captain-General of Arragon, is appointed by his Catholick Majesty Director-General of the Infantry, an Employment which the late Marquess de Lede had. On the 11th Instant arrived Count Konigseck the Emperor's Ambassadors, with his Lady, at Count Aguilar's House, two Leagues from hence, where they design to stay till a House be fitted up for them here. Letters from Barcelona advise, that Orders were come thither from his Catholick Majesty for the building two Men of War in that Mole. By Advices from Biscay we learn, that two Men of War have been lately launched in a Port near St. Sebastian. Letters from Cadiz of the 10th Instant relate, that a Courier was arrived there from hence, with his Catholick Majesty's Resolution, that the Commerce shall remain at Cadiz; his Majesty having revoked the Decree he had given out four Months ago in favour of the Town of Seville, by which the said Commerce was to be removed thither. The Marquess de Castelar, late Secretary at War, is appointed his Catholick Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Venice: And his Employment of Secretary at War is conferred on the Duke of Ripperda.

Hague, Feb. 12. N. S. The Marquess de St. Philippe, Ambassador of Spain, arrived here last Night: And this Morning received Visits from some of the Publick Ministers. M. Simon van Beaumont who had been Secretary of the Committee Raede about 55 Years, died on the 7th Instant in the 88th Year of his Age. There are several Competitors for that Employment. The General have appointed the 13th of next

Month to be observed as a Day of publick Thanksgiving, Fasting, and Prayer.

Whitehall, February 7.

Whereas Jacob Atkinson, Servant to James Lambe, of Hackney, Esq; was on Saturday last, the 4th Instant, found in the Stables of the said James Lambe, about Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, with his Throat cut, and several Wounds in his Head, of which he died on Sunday last: His Majesty, for the better Discovery of the Persons concerned in the said Fact, is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the Accomplices therein (who shall not appear to be the principal Actor) so as any one or more of the said Accomplices be convicted thereof.

TOWNSHEND.

I the said James Lambe, of Hackney aforesaid, do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall convict any of the Accomplices concerned in the aforesaid Fact, to be paid upon such Conviction.

James Lambe.

Whereas many honest and industrious poor Persons overburdened with Children, or thro' Misfortunes oftentimes, by the Assistance of Friends, and with much Trouble and Application, procure their Children to be admitted into Christ Hospital, London, to the great Ease and Comfort of such their poor Parents or Relations: And whereas some of the said Children, after such their Admittance, become idle, and run away from, and desert the said Hospital, and seduce, allure, and entice other of the poor Children (well disposed) to accompany them, in their Journeys and Rambles into the Country, and up and down the City and Suburbs, shewing their Writings or Drawings, which with Lies, and other artful Stories and Insinuations, move to Compassion divers good and well disposed Persons to relieve them with Money, Food, and Lodging, to the encouraging the said Children to such evil Practices; all which tend to the great Scandal of the said Hospital, the utter Ruin and Destruction of the said poor Children, and great Grief of their poor Parents or Relations. The Governours of Christ Hospital aforesaid do therefore hereby earnestly request and desire all Persons whatsoever, who shall at any Time see or meet with any the said Children running away and rambling up and down the Countries, City, or Suburbs of this City, begging or seeking Relief on any the Pretences aforesaid, or any other whatsoever, not to give them Encouragement by Money or otherwise, but to cause such Child or Children to be stop and secured, and either to send them by some safe Hands to the Steward of the said Hospital, or detain them till Notice by Letter or otherwise is given to the said Steward, who shall, and is hereby empowered to pay the necessary Expence of the Person or Persons securing and conveying the said Child or Children, till he or they be delivered to the said Steward, as aforesaid.

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